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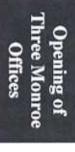


Dear Monroe County Friend:

This past year I worked tirelessly to ensure that the needs of the citizens of Monroe County were addressed in the U.S. Congress. After long meetings and comprehensive discussions, our bipartisan efforts produced great funding results. From historic federal funding to ensuring a salary boost for Monroe Federal Employees, this past year was truly a victory for the residents of the Florida Keys. I would like to inform you of the very important projects in Monroe County and how they will help our district.



I have three new Congressional offices open in Monroe: Upper Keys, Islamorada Village Hall (87000 Overseas Highway) open on the second Tuesday of each month; Middle Keys, Marathon Govt Annex (490 63rd Street, Suite 149) open on the third Tuesday of each month; Lower Keys, Key West City Hall (525 Angela Street, 2nd Floor) open on the first Tuesday of each month. These offices will be open from 10am to 6pm and I encourage you to contact Ms. Shelley Miklas, Congressional Aide, at 305-304-7789, to share your concerns.





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I was determined to attain the maximum amount of federal dollars for Monroe County. From the Village of Islamorada to Key West, the Florida Keys will receive over \$5 million for much needed projects. Projects for fiscal year 2004 include: \$200,000 for Key Colony Beach for sanitary sewer rehabilitation, \$368,290 for the Village of Islamorada, \$368,290 for a Key Largo wastewater treatment plant, \$368,290 City of Marathon, \$180,000 for new drainage wells and inlets for Key West, \$240,000 for the City of Marathon Boot Key Municipal Harbor, \$500,000 for Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, \$1,100,100 for Key West Bus Facilities Funding, \$400,000 for Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements, and, \$500,000 for Key West for purchasing wireless data communication and satellite merchandise for an upgraded Coast Guardemergency center for the Police Department.



I was at the forefront of efforts to give Federal employees working in Monroe County a boost in their paychecks. With a cost of living that is considerably higher, we must have first-rate salaries in order to attract and retain qualified Federal employees in Monroe County. Because of everyone's hard work, employees working in Monroe County will have extra locality pay next year.

Monroe County

I fought hard to bring much needed housing relief to hundreds of residents of the Florida Keys. In an area where affordable housing is a scarce commodity, opportunities for families to attain housing at a reasonable price are crucial. I worked to allow the transfer of needed property from the Department of the Navy to the City of Key West for workforce housing.

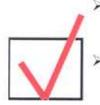




Congresswoman Heana Ros-Lehtinen Working for Monroe County Residents



My unwavering commitment to the people of Monroe County is evidenced by my work with Postal Service officials to find a solution to the proposed job cuts for 13 Postal workers. I am proud to announce that because of my efforts with local officials, our Postal workers in Key West will remain on their job and continue to serve Monroe County. I have contacted Postmaster General John Potter requesting his assistance in this critical matter and also had several meetings with U.S. Postal Service officials to try to prevent the proposed cuts. I will continue to work for the people of Monroe County to ensure that their voice is heard in Washington.



I was honored in inviting Key West Police Chaplain Steven Torrence to give the invocation in Congress.

I have been a strong advocate for HOPWA (Housing Opportunities For People With AIDS); HOPWA makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

I will be leading an effort to promote legislation in Congress that will provide assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies in order to streamline prosecution of



lleana joins Florida Keys citizens to address HOPWA and vital local issues.

Opening Of Three New Congressional Offices To Serve Monroe County



Upper Keys: Middle Keys: Lower Keys:

Second Tuesday (10am to 6pm) Third Tuesday (10am to 6pm) First Tuesday (10am to 6pm)

Village Hall, 87000 Overseas Highway Marathon Govt Annex, 490 63rd Street, Suite 149 Marathon Key West City Hall, 525 Angela Street, 2nd Floor

Islamorada Key West

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